

OPINION 2040 (Case 3190)***Chlorops meigenii* Loew, 1866 (Insecta, Diptera): specific name conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the name of the Palaearctic grassfly *Chlorops meigenii* Loew, 1866 (family CHLOROPIDAE) is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *Chlorops meigenii* Fallén, 1823. Fallén's name has been treated as a junior synonym of *Cerodontha denticornis* (Panzer, 1806; AGROMYZIDAE) since 1830 and the case was referred to the Commission under Article 23.9.5 of the Code.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Diptera; CHLOROPIDAE; *Chlorops*; *Chlorops meigenii*; grassflies; Palaearctic.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the specific name of *Chlorops meigenii* Loew, 1866 is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *Chlorops meigenii* Fallén, 1823.
- (2) The name *meigenii* Loew, 1866, as published in the binomen *Chlorops meigenii*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology (ruled in (1) above not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *C. meigenii* Fallén, 1823).

History of Case 3190

An application for the conservation of the name of the Palaearctic grassfly *Chlorops meigenii* Loew, 1866 (family CHLOROPIDAE) was received from Emilia P. Nartshuk (*Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences, St Petersburg, Russia*) on 29 January 2001. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 58: 286–287 (December 2001). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. A comment in support of the application was published in BZN 59: 204–205.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2002 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 58: 286–287. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2003 the votes were as follows: 24 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, no Commissioners voted AGAINST, no vote was received from Mahnert, Ng was on leave of absence.

Original reference

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

meigenii, *Chlorops*, Loew, 1866, *Zeitschrift für Entomologie* (Breslau), 20: 43.